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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. MC2001-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO OCA INTERROGATORY
(OCA/USPS-T1-20)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following
interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T1-20, filed on April
24, 2001.

The interrogatory has been redirected from witness Scherer to the Postal Service
for response.

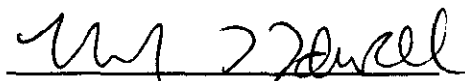
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY
OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE**

OCA/USPS-T1-20. Please refer to the Attachment to OCA/USPS-T3-5, which is a copy of an envelope from Firststar Trust Services.

- a. The upper right-hand corner of the envelop displays a presort First-Class permit and a printed Priority Mail "label." What does the Postal Service call the printed Priority Mail "label?" What is the effect on the Postal Service of displaying the Priority Mail label and the presort First-Class permit on the same mail piece? Please explain.
- b. Assume the contents and envelop from Firststar Trust Services weigh 12.2 ounces. Please explain how this mail piece would be classified in the IOCS and the RPW.

RESPONSE:

- a. This mail piece does not appear to have been prepared in accordance with the regulations for rate markings in Domestic Mail Manual M012 and E120. A mail piece must be marked to show the class of service and/or rate paid. The "Priority Mail" Label 107 rate marking to the left of the indicia and the "PRSRT FIRST-CLASS" rate marking in the indicia conflict with each other. (Note: the printed label is smaller than a USPS-issued Label 107, while the First-Class permit imprint appears to be approximately the correct size; therefore, it can only be surmised that a Label 107 was scanned and copied to the mail piece on a smaller scale.) Normally, at the time of mailing, the acceptance unit would refuse to accept such a mail piece because it bears a dual rate marking. The mailer would be asked to obliterate the incorrect rate marking, so that only the correct rate marking appears. If, however, such a piece is found in the mail stream, the finder should call the mailing office (as indicated on the indicia) to determine the correct postage rate and mark the piece accordingly.

**RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS SCHERER
TO OCA INTERROGATORIES**

(Response to OCA/USPS-T1-20 continued)

- b. DMM 56, Section P040.3.0 (Indicia Content) states that a permit imprint indicia on First-Class Mail or Priority Mail must show "First-Class Mail" or "Priority Mail" (or "Priority") as applicable. The example cited has "PRSRT FIRST-CLASS" displayed in the indicia. Therefore, RPW data collectors would record this mail piece as First-Class Presorted Mail (Private). IOCS data collectors would record this mail piece as First-Class Mail with a marking of PRSRT.



PO BOX 2077
MILWAUKEE WI 53201 2077

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



PRSR
CINCINNATI OHIO
PERMIT NO 8093

Attachment to OCA/USPS-T3-5

PROXY MATERIAL ENCLOSED

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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